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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 6/17/03 & 7/22/03 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.


- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

The applicant sent in a 312 amendment on 6/17/2003 which made corrections to claims 16, 17 and 19. This amendment was approved for entry and a communication was mailed 8/6/2003 notifying the applicant.

The applicant sent in a duplicate of the previous 312 amendment on 7/22/2003 and this communication will re-affirm the entry of the amendment to claims 16, 17 and 19.

The applicant has sent another 312 amendment on 7/22/2003 asking to correct informalities to Figs 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, and 27. This amendment is approved for entry.

The applicant has also sent in a Marked-Up Version of Substitute Specification and amendments to the claims which have numerous changes. This substitute specification and claim changes has not been mentioned in any of the applicant's amendments. Therefore it is unclear whether applicant intended to include this with the 312 amendment of 7/22/03. However, if it was intended to be entered it is DENIED entry. The changes are far too numerous to consider after prosecution on the merits has been closed.



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